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COVID-19 UPDATE

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- Since Wednesday, 30 residents have tested positive, and 20 more have recovered from COVID-19: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is 2,367. With 2,077 recovered and 137 fatalities, Framingham currently has 153 active cases. The Framingham Health Department contacts the people who were potentially exposed and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps (contact tracing). In addition to the active cases, the Health Department is following 174 residents in quarantine.
- Community Outreach Teams in Framingham this weekend to increase COVID-19 education: Anticipated Schedule for Saturday, October 10:
 - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Business walk along Hollis St. to hand out flyers and to distribute window signs and stacks of literature to businesses
 - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Tesoros Supermarket (80 Hollis St.) Table set up to hand out flyers and hand sanitizers
 - o 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Literature drop: All streets between Arch St. and Deloss St.
 - o 1:30-4 p.m.: Literature drop: All streets between Deloss St. and Pearl St.
 - 1:30-4 p.m.: Handing out flyers at Cushing Memorial Park (80 Dudley Rd.)
 - 1:30-4 p.m.: Business walk along Waverly St. to hand out flyers and to distribute window signs and stacks of literature to businesses

Anticipated Schedule for Sunday, October 11:

- 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: St. Tarcisius Parish (562 Waverly St.)- Table set up to hand out flyers and hand sanitizers
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Brazilian Assembly of God (48 Clinton St.) Table set up to hand out flyers and hand sanitizers
- 10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Igreja Do Evangelho Quadrangular (11 Beech St.) Table set up to hand out flyers and hand sanitizers
- 12:30-4 p.m.: Centre Common Table set up to hand out flyers and hand sanitizers
- 12:30-4 p.m.: Multi-generational literature drop at Bishop Gardens Condominiums (100 Bishop Dr.)
- 12:30-4 p.m.: Multi-generational literature drop at Cochituate Cooperative Homes (12a Interfaith Terrace)

Please Note: Schedule, locations, and outreach initiatives are subject to change

- Free, Drive-through COVID-19 Testing Resumes at Walsh Middle School Saturday, October 10, at 301 Brook St, Framingham, MA 01701: A storm swept through the City early in the evening, Wednesday, which brought down trees and power lines on the Walsh driveway. The driveway blockage prevented drive-through testing Thursday and Friday. Eversource and Framingham's Public Works Department cleared the blockage, allowing testing to resume Saturday.
 - o Location: 301 Brook St, Framingham, MA 01701
 - Dates: Through October 31
 - O Days/Time: Monday to Saturday— 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
 - o **Eligibility**: Open to everyone; symptomatic and asymptomatic
 - o Appointment: No appointment required
 - Format: Drive-through only
 - o Cost: FREE; no health insurance required
 - Test Results: People will receive results in approximately 72 hours from Fallon Ambulance, who is conducting the tests.
- Reminder: City issuing \$500 fines, on first offense, to those violating the Governor's Order on gatherings: Framingham's current spike in COVID-19 cases can be attributed to gatherings across the City, and to help slow the spread, the City will issue a \$500 fine for violation of the gathering order. Under the Governor's Order, those who violate the restrictions on gatherings can be fined \$500 per incident. For single-family homes, it is the property owner or the renters of the homes who could be fined. For multi-family dwellings, such as apartment and condominium complexes, the City will work to identify the one hosting the gathering to determine who should be fined. If the event is held in a common area of an apartment or condominium complex, the property owner could be liable if the City is unable to identify the person who organized the gathering.

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